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SUBJ: DEVELOPMENTS IN DEFENSE OF USAFAIRMEN

REF: ADANA 065

1. DEFENSE ATTORNEY MENZILETOGLU AND INCIRLIK LEGAL OFFICER
VISTED ERDIMLI AND MERSIN WEDNESDAY APRIL 10 TO DISCUSS
DESIRABILITY CONTINUING TO PRESS POINT THAT COERCION USED BY
POLICE IN OBTAINING STATEMENTS OF AIRMEN NETTED IN FEB. 16
CAMPSITE RAID.

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2. DECISION WAS THAT SUSTAINING THIS CONTENTION WOULD BE USEFUL
IN DEFENSE, EVEN THOUGH TURKISH LAW MAKES MUCH LESS OF SUCH EVENTS.
PROOF OF COERCION WOULD NOT ONLY EXPUNGE ALLEGED CONFESSIONS
(WHICH IN ANY EVENT MUST BE BACKED UP BY SOME CORROBORATING EVIDENCE)
BUT COULD SERVE SERIOUSLY TO DIMINISH CREDIBILITY OF
WHOLE NETWORK OF STATEMENTS INDIVIDUAL ACCUSED MADE REGARDING
THEIR COMPANIONS.

3. ACCORDINGLY, MENZILETOGLU WILL PETITION JUDGE TO RECALL USAF
SERGEANTS WHO (AS REPORTED REFTTEL) DENIED THAT COERCION USED.
JUDGE HAS OPTION OF REFUSING TO DO THIS, BUT IF HE RECALLS THESE
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WITNESSES SERIES OF QUESTIONS EXPECTED TO BE IN MUCH GREATER

DETAIL SO THAT NO CHANCE OF MISUNDERSTANDING REMAINS. POSSIBILITY
EXISTS OTHERS WHO MADE SIMILAR DENIALS IN COURT ALSO TO BE CALLED.
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